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" (ii) *Age*.—Must have completed 25 years and should not have completed 42 years.

Relaxation of the above academic and age qualifications will be made in the case of those who have had at least three years' experience of social work or rural service."

Supply of drinking water for Ottapalam, Malabar.

* 144 *Q*.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred question No. 74 given on the 6th March 1954—

(*a*) the nature of the proposal for supply of drinking water for Ottapalam Major Panchayat, Malabar; and

(*b*) when the scheme is likely to come into operation?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) A well is proposed to be sunk near the junction of Bharathapuzha and Kizhakkathodu, south of the railway line and east of the railway well. Water will be pumped direct into the distribution system consisting of about 15 distribution points.

" (*b*) The question of sanctioning investigation of the scheme is under the consideration of the Government."

Increase of property tax in the City.

* 145 *Q*.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have sanctioned an increase of house tax in the Madras City by the Corporation of Madras during 1954?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

Distribution of ammonium sulphate in Malabar.

* 146 *Q*.—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether licences for selling chemical manures are granted to private parties in Malabar;

(*b*) if so, how many licences have been issued at present; and

(*c*) whether co-operative institutions are given preference and, if not, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, so far as the distribution of ammonium sulphate is concerned.

" (*b*) Six.

" (*c*) Yes."